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## Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

### New Property Tax Relief Plan Expected To Start With Bang

One out of three Oregon homeowners will receive significant property tax relief this year. And the machinery making this possible goes into motion late this month.

Along with property tax statements, each Oregon property taxpayer will receive a "Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Application," the result of HB 1639, passed by the 1971 Legislature and designed to ease what has become 62 per cent of the average Oregon tax burden.

One of a kind among property tax relief programs, the Oregon application of the "circuit breaker" technique is based on a household's ability to pay -- its adjusted gross income. Five other states grant similar relief. But the programs in Minnesota, Wisconsin, California, Vermont and Kansas all are governed by age. Oregon's residential property tax relief plan was designed to ease the burden on the state's aged and those in lower income brackets. Consequently, a homeowner in any age bracket could apply and receive relief.

Department of Revenue analysts estimate somewhere in the neighborhood of 177,000 households will be involved. Oregon currently has property tax relief for its elderly homeowners through the long-established Senior Citizen Homestead Relief Law. Some 22,000 elderly property tax payers currently are taking advantage of that plan this year. But next year the old law is repealed and all of their relief will come through the new law.

Some \$43 million was appropriated by the 1971 Legislature to fund the new relief program during its first two years. Actually about \$41 million is expected to be paid to taxing units in behalf of those who qualify for relief. Of the remaining \$2 million half goes to the Department of Revenue and half to county assessors also involved in administering the program.

Exactly how much relief will be granted to individual homeowners? The amount varies based strictly on income and the amount of property taxes you are expected to pay.

The income portion of the requirement is pretty easy to understand -- everything that accrues to the household. The amount you pay in property taxes is easy to understand, too. It's on each taxpayer's statement. Then, following a table arriving with your property tax statement, you can apply the two to determine your new property tax liability.

The Department of Revenue provides this example:

A person with \$3,000 household income living in a \$10,000 of true cash value previously would have paid \$300 in property taxes. Under provisions of the new law he would receive relief from 66 per cent of the bill. He would pay \$105 and the state would pay \$195 to the taxing unit in his behalf.

Two major qualifications must be met to apply for the new relief. Recipients must be Oregon residents during 1971 and occupy the property on which they are applying. Residents of non-profit homes for the elderly also qualify but need yet another application form. They are available from those who own or manage the home.

Interestingly, those applying for the relief need not pay their current property taxes by Nov. 15 this year -- the date one normally meets in order to receive a three per cent discount. The tax can be paid by the customary date and the discount received as usual. Then, the application for tax relief is sent to the Department of Revenue before next April 15 and a refund sent to the taxpayer. But if he elects to wait, payment of the property tax can be delayed considerably without incurring an interest penalty. He

must file the property tax relief application by April 15 with the County Tax Collector and pay half of the tax owed -- after deducting the relief due. The third quarter of the remaining tax must be paid by May 15 and final quarter by August 15.

County tax collectors are well informed on the new program and can answer individual questions. But most taxpayers will find answers to all their questions on the application.

In the meantime an extensive educational campaign will begin on a statewide basis -- probably about the same time tax statements and relief applications go in the mail. It will be conducted in all new media on a public service basis.

Normally it takes a few years for a new tax program to be extended to everyone involved. But Department of Revenue people believe this one will start with a bang. They're even predicting how loud the bang will be.

If property taxes really are the burden people have been saying they are, the first half of the Revenue Department prediction is a cinch to come true. And with an estimated 350,000 individuals expected to share in the relief program, the bang is just as likely to be a noisy one.



Whoever wished for a storm to improve hunting and fishing conditions hereabouts sure got their wish Monday night and Tuesday a.m. Trust they are now happy.

Still haven't seen anything to shoot at. Matter of fact...haven't seen anything except the sun coming up. Hear a few shots occasionally... from a long way off. Guess that means the big ones really aren't where I've been. Gonna change my locations that's what.

Port Orford's Belva McDonald received national recognition and publication of 21 recipes in the November issue of Lady's Circle magazine. The recipes were submitted to food editor Holly Garrison and appeared in her column on "Tasty and Nutritious Budget Recipes." Mrs. McDonald devotes Tuesdays to cooking instruction,



### How High Is Your Community Credit Reputation?

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### CREDIT BUREAU OF COQUILLE

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using low-cost food items, at the local community action center.

Friday was a real red-letter day for News correspondent and part-time office girl Mary Loan when she pumped into movie star Lee Marvin having a cup of coffee in Bartlett's Cafe. Like she really got to TALK to him. Marvin told her they were traveling thru and had been looking Port Orford over. The star declined Mary's request to photograph him, tho, 'cause he wasn't all slicked-up in his glamour-type duds. He did, however, touch her on the arm.

Our editorial hat is off this week to Battle Rock 7th graders and the H.O.P.E. fund raising project slated for Halloween night. Give generously... the cause is good and kids like these youngsters deserve your support.

Just received word of the formation of a state-wide Patsy Mink for President committee. One of their first tasks will be to secure enough signatures by petition to place the Hawaii Congresswoman's name on the Oregon Democrat primary ballot. Rep. Mink has agreed to support the move by personally campaigning in the state.

Mrs. Gloria Dillingham, Elk River Road (Box 138, St.Rt.) is the local committee representative.

### SWOCC Band Needs You

"We need help" said Mrs. Ralph Hildreth, a spokesman for the Community College Orchestra at SWOCC this week.

"We're having a hard time finding enough people for the orchestra, and right now we're weakest in the string section, but can use talent in other areas as well."

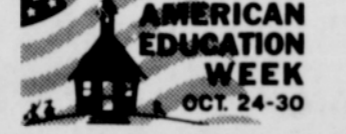
The orchestra practices on Tuesday evenings at 7 in Room 7 of Coaledo Hall on the SWOCC campus.

"We're looking for adults or high school students with fairly good ability... either from Coos or Curry county," said Mrs. Hildreth who is presently conducting the orchestra.

She added that special Christmas music had been ordered, but that more participation is needed.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Hildreth at 347-3259 after 4 p.m.

DINNER GUESTS  
Mr. and Mrs. Del Newkirk were Saturday night dinner guests at the Wes Zumwalt's in Coos Bay.



## Fall Festival of Food Savings

BREAD MARY ELLES	5 FOR \$1
GOT. CHEESE DAIRY FRESH	PT. 29¢
MATCHES OHIO BOOK	CARTON 15¢
PEACHES VAL VITA	3 1/2 TINS 89¢
FOIL ALCOA	12X25 ROLL 29¢
SHAKE 'N BAKE FOR CHICKEN	REG. SIZE 19¢
NAPKINS SILK	60-CT. PKG. 10¢
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## Dellenback Reports

by Rep. John Dellenback

### House Approves Equal Rights Amendment

"Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

This is the proposed Equal Rights to the U.S. Constitution in its traditional and recognized form. It has been introduced in substantially the same language in every Congress since 1923. Although the Senate has approved an amended version of the Equal Rights Amendment twice during the past 48 years (in 1950 and again in 1953), the House had never acted on the Amendment until last year.

During the First Session of the 91st Congress (1969), the measure proposing the Equal Rights Amendment was as usual locked up in the House Judiciary Committee which refused to consider it. But in the Second Session (1970), the measure was brought to the Floor through the very seldom used means of a Discharge Petition. Under this procedure, a majority (218) of the Members of the House sign a petition discharging whatever Committee has jurisdiction over the bill in question from its responsibility for the bill, and demanding that it be brought directly to the Floor of the House for consideration. I was one of the signers of the Discharge Petition for the Equal Rights Amendment during the 91st Congress, and it came to the Floor on August 10, 1970. On that date, the House passed the Amendment by a vote of 350 to 15. Unfortunately, however, the measure then went to the Senate and died.

This year a Discharge Petition was unnecessary because the House Judiciary Committee took action on the Amendment and reported it to the House in July.

Last week the House finally acted on the Amendment, with debate centering on a proposal to attach certain restrictions to the Amendment. The intent of those who proposed these restrictions was to permit the Federal government and the States to retain certain laws that are supposedly "protective" of women. But it must be understood that the Equal Rights Amendment as originally worded would not require that the sexes be regarded as identical under the law. Equality does not mean "sameness." What the Amendment would require is that men and women be treated equally by the law. It became clear during the extensive Floor debate on the proposed restrictions that these restrictions would in fact limit equal treatment and could permit the Federal government and the States to retain laws which actually do discriminate against women.

I voted against the proposal to add restrictions to the basic Amendment, and this proposal was defeated 265 to 87. I then voted in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment as originally worded, and it passed by an overwhelming vote of 354 to 23.

The Amendment now goes to the Senate where I hope it will receive prompt and favorable action. After nearly half a century, it is surely time that Congress completed action and put before the States to be ratified as part of our Constitution the basic principle that men and women are fully equal under the laws of this nation.

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### Bill Lenox Joins Navy

Jack Hilbert "Bill" Lenox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin L. Lenox of Port Orford, enlisted in the Navy's Cache Program on May 26, and reported for active duty on Oct. 8. A 1971 graduate of Pacific high school, he is presently taking Recruit Training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

He reported for active duty as a Seaman in the Navy's Advanced Electronic Program.

## OBITUARIES

### Packwood Asks Intervention Of Lunch Act Interpretation

### Alvan W. King

Alvan W. (Scoop) King, 57, Coos Bay, died Oct. 16 in Coquille. He was born March 19, 1914, in Coquille and lived his entire lifetime in Coos county.

Mr. King was a member of the Episcopal Church and the Coquille Valley Elks Lodge 1935. He and his wife, Phyllis, were married May 31, 1947, in Reno, Nevada, and were former residents of the Myrtle Point and Powers area.

Surviving are the widow Phyllis, Coos Bay; mother, Minnie King Jolly of Port Orford; brothers, Jimmie A. King, Myrtle Point; and Leslie R. King, Myrtle Creek; sisters, Frances Ellen McKenzie, Powers, and Alice L. Clark, Powers.

Services were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Myrtle Point Chapel of Coos Mortuaries, with the Rev. Alan Grant of Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Coos Bay officiating. Private cremation was held in the Sunset Memorial Crematorium.

### ERNEST FOSTER

Ernest Henry Foster, 76, died Oct. 11, at Harbor, Oregon. He was born Oct. 14, 1894, in Smith River, Calif.

Foster was a 50-year charter member of Port Orford Masonic Lodge and a member of V.F.W.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Oct. 14, in the Brookings Funeral Home with Frank Hyatt, Worshipful Master of Sidney Croft Masonic Lodge No. 206, officiating.

Interment was in Smith River. Arrangements were by Brookings Funeral Home.

BOX NUMBER CHANGED  
A change has been made in the box number of the Curry county planning commission. It's Box 746, Gold Beach, Ore. Instead of Box 1078 as previously printed.

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Concerned that 30,000 Oregon needy schoolchildren may have to go without school lunches, Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore), has asked the President to intervene to prevent what appears to be an "unlawful interpretation" of the National School Lunch Act.

Under strong pressure from both Houses of Congress, the Department of Agriculture last week increased reimbursement rates for school lunches from 35 cents to 45 cents. However, the effectiveness of that move was diluted by Agriculture's follow-up decision to impose a new upper limit on eligibility for the program at \$3,940 for a family of four.

The proposed regulation would draw a mandatory cut-off of aid at the \$3,940 income level. As a result, 30,000 Oregon school children would have to pay the full price for school lunches or go without.

In a letter to the President, Packwood and 58 other Senators charged that the Department of Agriculture had interpreted the \$3,940 national poverty line for participation in the school lunch program as a "ceiling" rather than a "floor."

"Essentially, the National School Lunch Act established the poverty line as a minimum eligibility standard and allowed state and local school districts to make the final determination of eligibility," Packwood said. "But the Department of Agriculture has arbitrarily interpreted the law as a ceiling,

and this clearly violates both the letter and the spirit of the National School Lunch Act," he said.

Under the Agriculture interpretation of the law, Oregon's present eligibility level of \$4,000 for free lunches and \$4,940 for reduced-price lunches would be disregarded.

"The Government can't afford to literally take the food out of the 'mouths of babes' to cut spending. It seems to me we would be enforcing poverty among families of the working poor," he said.

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